The production for the civil sector is only to the extent of spare capacity available after meeting Services' requirements. The small arms ex-Ordnance Factories are issued at the wholesale rate/retail prices fixed by the Ordnance Factory Board. Specific complaints about over-charging by the authorised dealers of the Ordnance Factory Board have not been received.

(b) There is no proposal to augment the capacity of Ordnance Factories to meet the reuirements of the small arms for the civil sector.

Recovery from PCI Group of Industries

1631. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government called for data/information from PCI Group of Industries regarding recovery into DPEA;

(b) if so, when the information was called for;

(c) whether it is a fact that the company have not provided the information so far;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken so far to obtain the information;

(e) what are the names of companies owned by PCI Group; and

(f) what is the turn over of each company and what are the details of the common partners|directors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) Based on the data made available by the PCI M/s. Pharmaceutical and Chemicals Industries, Bombay), the Company was asked by a letter dated 19-5-84 to deposit a sum of Rs. 87.99 lakhs on account of difference in the prices of Refampicin Bulk Drug, in terms of Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979. With reference to subsequent representation of the Company, it was asked to make available data including information about opening and closing stocks, which has not been made available as yet. The Company has also been granted the opportunity for personal hearing in May, 1991 and again in June, 1991, but there has been no response from it. The matter is being pursued.

(e) and (f) The information is not readily available but it will be collected and laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Price decontrol of Dextropropoxyphene

1632. CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Dextropropoxyphene drug was decontrolled for five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the period has already expired;

(c) if so, what was the date upto which price decontrol was allowed;

(d) whether Government have fixed the price of this drug;

(e) if so, when and what price has been notified and if not, what are the reasons for delay;

(f) whether it is also a fact that there are other producers of this drug;

(g) if so, names thereof and price fixed for each; and

(h) what is the production of each unit during the last three years, yearwise and what was the price fixed for each formulation of each producers under DPCO 1979 and 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Dextropropoxyphene is a price controlled drug under DPCO, 1987 but in case of M|s. Wockhardt Ltd., this drug and the formulations based thereupon were exempted from price control till 25th April, 1990 on account of indigenous research and development.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The price has been fixed at Rs. 3356/Kg. on 16-5-1991.

(f) to (h) There is no other producer in the organised sector. However. M/s. Jagsonpal, a small scale sector unit, is also producing Dextropropoxyphene. The production of the small scale sector unit, is not monitored by this Department.

Amount assessed against M/s. Fulford

1633. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount assessed against M/s. Fulford in the case of Gentamycin and what amount has been paid;

(b) whether it is a fact that M/s. Fulford had gone to court and got stay in regard to the payment of balance amount;

(c) if so, when was the petition filed and what is the latest position;

(d) what are the grounds on which the petition was filed;

(e) whether it is a fact that court has dismissed the claim of set-offs in this case; and

(f) if so, the detils thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) Notice for recovery of a sum of Rs. 194.62 lakhs in respect of Gentamycin bulk drug, in terms of para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979, was given to M/s. FULFORD in 1985. The Company filed a Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court in which, interalia, it alleged that para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 is ultra vires Article 265 of the Constitution of India, the Government has no power to recover the amount, the calculations are not correctly made and certain set offs should be given to the Company. While initially there was a stay order on the recovery, the High Court vide its order dated 4.8.86 vacated the stay order. The Government, therefore called upon the Company to pay the entire amount. The Company made a submission to the Hon'ble Supreme Court and obtained orders for deposit of only Rs. 50 lakhs which the Company has already done. The Writ Petition is still pending with the Delhi High Court.

Publication of International Journal of Electronics in Hindi

1634. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assured the publication of an International journal of Electronics in Hindi; if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government;

(b) what would be the estimated budget and composition of the International editorial board; the name of the organisation which would publish it; and

(c) what are the software packages in Hindi for authors and publishers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Two types of Software Packages in Hindi for Author and Publishers are presently available. These are Word Processing (WP) and Desk Top Publishing (DTP) Packages. A list of Software Packages in Hindi is given in the statement attached.

Statement

LIST OF SOFTWARE PACKAGES IN HINDI

1. Shabdratna Super (Trilingual WP)
2. Venus DTP (Bilingual)
3. Prakashk DTP
4. Multiword (WP)
5. Akshar (WP)
6. ALC DTP
7. Devstar (WP)